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In a recent discussion, Giovanni Gronchi, President of the Chamber of Deputies, indicated that the Italian Government would not concede diplomatic immunity to the members of Russian trade delegation offices which are to be opened in accordance with the Italian-Russian commercial treaty. Gronchi also stated that he is now attempting to limit the number of personnel who will comprise these delegations.*

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* ~~SECRET~~ Comment: The above is the core of the problem raised by the Russian closure of its consulates in Italy. Russia's intent to offset the closure of its consulate through the use of commercial representatives can be curtailed, to some extent, if Gronchi's views prevail.

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